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Dr. Dale E. Klein, Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Dr. Klein:

In a letter to you dated October 5, 2006, I indicated that the State of Michigan would evaluate the prospect of entering into an Agreement with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Under such an Agreement, the NRC would transfer regulatory authority over radioactive materials to the State of Michigan pursuant to Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Staff of Michigan's radiation programs has proposed a strategy for developing the more comprehensive radiation protection program required to support an Agreement. The strategy also will result in a consolidation of radiation protection programs within a single department. We have consulted with existing NRC licensees and other stakeholders and received substantial support for pursuing an Agreement.

Therefore, I am committing staff of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to work toward the implementation of an Agreement as authorized under 1965 PA 54. The specific authority under this Agreement will be for byproduct material, source material, and special nuclear material as defined in the Atomic Energy Act.

I am hereby requesting the assistance of the NRC in this effort. Mr. Thor Strong, Chief of the Radiological Protection Section, Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, MDEQ, will be the principal staff contact. Your staff can reach him at 517-241-1252.

Our intent is to implement an Agreement by September 2011. Thank you for your assistance in this project. We look forward to a continuing, cooperative effort to enhance radiation safety within the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,



Jennifer M. Granholm
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